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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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**For: FLOWING VIRTUALIZATION LAYERS**

Enclosed are also:

- 29** Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- 5** Pages of Claims
- 9** Sheet(s) of Drawings
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Form PTO 1595 and Assignment of the invention to Storage Technology Corporation

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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Total Claims	23	-20 = 3	X \$ 18 =	\$54
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Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$270 =	\$00
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